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## **Submission to IPART State Water Price Determination from 1 July 2010**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to IPART re – State Water’s submission - proposed water pricing charges 2011 -2014.

The Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators Inc (MPII) represents irrigators on the full length of the Murrumbidgee River, and Yanco Creek System. Our members live from Batlow to Balranald and from Jerilderie to Moulamein. We also have a number of “operators” amongst our members although volumes of water are vastly smaller than the irrigation corporations. We are approximately one third of the diversions on the Murrumbidgee system being some 680,000 megalitres.

Whilst we are in full support of the response submitted by the NSWIC and we echo all issues that are raised in their submission, we wish to highlight the below point.

We would like to bring to your attention that State Water has other avenues outside the IPART process to protect its business. So the presumption in your draft determination that IPART needs to introduce changes to the pricing principals to protect the business are not entirely correct. Take for instance the introduction of quarterly billing which was outside the IPART process and if managed correctly provided a windfall gain to the business. We don't see anywhere in the submissions by State Water, or your draft determination, any recognition of this fact.

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